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the disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities.

(ii) In determining whether disclosure of the information is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester, Eximbank will consider the following factors:

(A) The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and, if so

(B) The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

(2) The requester in all cases has the burden of presenting sufficient evidence or information to justify the requested waiver or reduction. The requester may use the procedures set forth in § 404.5 to appeal the denial of a waiver request under this section.

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### § 404.7 Annual Report to Congress.

On March 1 of each calendar year, Eximbank will report to Congress on the administration of the public requests for information and records during the prior calendar year.

### § 404.8 Appearances and testimony by Eximbank officers and employees.

Whenever an officer or employee of Eximbank is served with a subpoena demanding the disclosure of the information or the production of files, documents, and records described in this part, or is requested by court, committee or other body to disclose such information, the officer or employee shall promptly inform his superior of the requirements of the subpoena or request and shall ask for instructions from the General Counsel or his designee with respect thereto. Such officer or employee shall appear before the court, committee or body and, if the President and Chairman or his designee has not authorized disclosure, the employee shall respectfully decline to disclose the information or produce the files, documents, and records demanded

or requested, basing such refusal upon this part

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 552a(f).

SOURCE: 41 FR 19299, May 12, 1976, unless otherwise noted.

### § 405.1 Purpose and scope.

This part sets forth the Eximbank procedures under the Privacy Act of 1974, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(f), whereby individuals may safeguard their privacy by obtaining access to and requesting corrections of those records under the control of Eximbank which contain information about them.

### § 405.2 Procedures for notification of existence of records pertaining to individuals.

(a) The systems of records, as defined in the Privacy Act of 1974, maintained by Eximbank are listed annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER as required by that Act. Any individual who wishes to know whether any of these systems of records contains a record pertaining to him or her may either appear in person at Room 1031, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, on work days between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or may write to the Vice President—Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1031, Washington, DC 20571. It is recommended that requests be made in writing, as it will not always be possible to determine the existence of a

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record on the same day that the request is made. Verification of the identity of the requester will be in accordance with the requirements of § 405.3 (a) and (b), of this part.

(b) Requests for notification of the existence of a record should specifically identify the system of records involved, and should state, if the requester is other than the individual to whom the record pertains, the relationship of the requester to that individual. (Note that requests pursuant to the Privacy Act will not be honored by Eximbank unless made:

(1) By the individual to whom the record pertains, or

(2) By such individual's parent, if the individual is a minor, or

(3) By such individual's legal guardian, if the individual has been declared to be incompetent due to physical or mental incapacity or age by a court of competent jurisdiction.)

If an individual is unable to specifically identify the system of records in which that individual is interested, as above required, he or she may so inform Eximbank in writing, stating the reason for the inability, with as full a description of said system of records or the record itself as possible. Eximbank will thereupon use its best efforts to specifically identify the desired system of records.

(c) Eximbank will attempt to respond in writing to a request as to whether a record exists or for assistance in identifying the relevant system of records within 10 days from the time it receives the request or from the time any required identification is established, whichever is later.

#### **§ 405.3 Procedures for requests for access to or disclosure of records pertaining to individuals.**

(a) Verification of the identity of individuals making written requests to the Vice President—Administration for access to or disclosure of records pertaining to him or her ordinarily will not be required. The signature upon such requests shall be deemed to be a certification by the individual signing that he or she is the individual to whom the record pertains or the parent of a minor or the duly appointed legal guardian of the individual to whom the

record pertains. The Vice President—Administration may, however, require additional verification of identity as specified by him in any instance in which he deems it advisable.

(b) In the case of individuals making requests by appearing at Eximbank, the amount of personal identification required will of necessity vary with the sensitivity of the record involved. Reasonable identification such as employment identification cards, drivers licenses, or credit cards will normally be accepted as sufficient evidence of identity in the absence of any indications to the contrary.

(c) Any individual (subject to the requirements of § 405.2(b) of this part) may request access to or disclosure of records pertaining to him or her by either appearing at Eximbank or by writing to Eximbank (all as provided in of § 405.2(a) of this part). The request should specifically identify the system of records involved and the nature of the information therein which is desired. Eximbank will attempt to provide individuals who appear at Eximbank with access to their records (providing that all of the other relevant rules hereof are properly met) on the same day as their appearance, if such occurs before 11:00 a.m. Eximbank will attempt to answer written requests by making the record available within 10 working days of the request or by informing the requester of the need for additional identification or the tendering of fees (as specified in paragraph (d) of this section) within said time period. If the record is to be made available, Eximbank will so notify the requester, which notice will state when the requested disclosure will be sent or when and where the records will be available for personal inspection, and, if a copy of a record has been requested, the number of pages Eximbank will copy to comply with the individual's request and that the copy will be mailed to the individual or held at Eximbank for the individual upon receipt of a check or money order payable to Eximbank for the sum due for copying these documents. In the case of an adverse determination with respect to a request, the Vice President—Administration shall so notify the individual in writing,

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shall specify the reasons therefor and shall advise of the procedure for appealing such adverse determination to the General Counsel, as specified in § 405.4(d) of this part.

(d) Charges for copies of records will be at the rate of \$0.10 per photocopy of each page. Where records are not susceptible to photo-copying, e.g. punch cards, magnetic tapes or oversize materials, the amount charged will be actual cost, as determined on a case-by-case basis. Only one copy of each record requested will be supplied. No charge will be made unless the charge as computed above would exceed \$3 for each request or related series of requests. If a fee in excess of \$25 would be required, the requester shall be notified and the fee must be tendered before the records will be copied.

(e) If Eximbank refuses to comply with an individual's request for access, as above provided, that individual may, among other things, bring a civil action for relief against Eximbank in a district court of the United States.

(f) Any individual may also request (in accordance with the procedures above set forth) a copy of the "accounting" kept of each disclosure made by Eximbank to another person or agency (except for certain specified disclosures) of the record pertaining to that individual.

[41 FR 19299, May 12, 1976, as amended at 43 FR 57864, Dec. 11, 1978]

### § 405.4 Correction of records pertaining to individuals.

(a) Any individual (subject to the requirements of § 405.2(b) of this part) is entitled to request amendment of records pertaining to him or her pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(d)(2). Such a request shall be made in writing and addressed to the Vice President—Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1031, Washington, DC 20571.

(b) The request should specify the record and systems of records involved, and should specify the exact correction desired and state that the request is made pursuant to the Privacy Act. An edited copy of the record showing the desired correction should be submitted, if possible. Within 10 working days of the receipt of a properly addressed re-

quest (or within 10 working days of the time the Vice President—Administration becomes aware that a particular communication not addressed as prescribed above is a request for correction of a record under the Privacy Act), the Vice President—Administration shall acknowledge receipt of the request.

(c) The Vice President—Administration upon the receipt of such a request shall promptly confer with the officer responsible for the record. In the event it is felt that correction is not warranted in whole or in part, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the General Counsel of Eximbank. If, after review by the General Counsel and discussion with the requester, if deemed helpful, it is determined that correction as requested is not warranted, a letter shall be sent by the Vice President—Administration to the requester denying his or her request and/or explaining what correction might be made if agreeable to the requester. This letter shall set forth the reasons for the refusal to honor the request for correction. It shall also inform him or her of his or her right to appeal this decision, and include a description of the appeals procedure set forth in paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) An appeal may be taken from an adverse determination under paragraph (c) of this section to the President and Chairman or his designee. Such appeal must be made in writing and should clearly indicate that it is an appeal. The basis for the appeal should be set forth in the letter, and it should be mailed to the same address as listed in paragraph (a) of this section. A hearing at Eximbank may be requested. Such hearing will be informal, and shall be before the President and Chairman or his designee. Where no hearing is requested, the President and Chairman or his designee shall render his decision within thirty working days after receipt of the written appeal at Eximbank, unless the President and Chairman, for good cause shown, extends the 30-day period, and the appellant is advised in writing of such extension. If a hearing is requested, then Eximbank will attempt to contact the appellant within five working days and arrange a suitable time for the hearing.

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In such cases the decision of the President and Chairman or his designee shall be made within 30 working days after the hearing, unless the time is extended, as above provided, and the appellant is advised in writing of such extension.

(e) The final decision of the President and Chairman or his designee in an appeal shall be in writing and the appellant shall be informed of the decision; if it is adverse to the appellant, the appellant shall be informed of the reasons for the refusal to amend the record and advised of his or her right to appeal the decision under 5 U.S.C. 552a(g)(1). The individual shall also be notified that he or she has the right to file with Eximbank a concise statement setting forth the reasons for his or her disagreement with the refusal of Eximbank to amend his or her record. Eximbank shall promptly inform any person or other agency about the correction of any record previously disclosed to that person or other agency (provided that an accounting of said disclosures was made). Eximbank shall, with respect to all prior disclosures and in any disclosure of a record made after the filing of a disagreement statement by the requesting individual, clearly note any portion of the record which is disputed and provide said recipient with copies of said statement, plus, at the agency's discretion, copies of a concise statement of the reasons for its decision not to make any corrections.

(f) Assistance in preparing a request to amend a record or in appealing an adverse determination on such a request may be obtained from the Office of the General Counsel of Eximbank.

[41 FR 19299, May 12, 1976, as amended at 43 FR 57864, Dec. 11, 1978]

### **§ 405.5 Disclosure of records pertaining to individuals to agencies or to individuals other than the individual to whom said records pertain.**

Records subject to the Privacy Act that are requested by any individual other than the individual to whom they pertain (or as provided by § 405.2(b) of this part) will not be made available except under the following circumstances:

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(a) Records required to be made available by the Freedom of Information Act will be released in response to a request formulated in accordance with regulations found at 12 CFR part 404.

(b) Records not required by the Freedom of Information Act to be released, may be released, at the discretion of Eximbank, if the written consent of the individual to whom they pertain has been obtained or if such release would be authorized under 5 U.S.C. 552a (b) (1) or (3) through (11).

(c) If an individual elects to inspect a record in person and desires to be accompanied by another person, the individual shall present to the Vice President—Administration a signed statement addressed to the Vice President—Administration by that individual authorizing his or her record to be disclosed to him or her in the presence of the accompanying named person.

## **PART 407—REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF EXIMBANK MEETINGS**

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### **§ 407.1 Purpose, scope and definitions.**

(a) Consistent with the principles that: (1) The public is entitled to the fullest practicable information regarding the decision-making processes of the Federal Government, and (2) the rights of individuals and the ability of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to carry out its statutory responsibilities should be protected, this part is promulgated pursuant to the directive of section (g) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C.